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DETR Advertises Free File to Unemployment Recipients

The US Department of Labor has requested state agencies around the country to help spread the word about a program, Free File, which will allow people to file their taxes for free. The Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) is participating in this effort by advertising Free File to its clients, said Cynthia Jones, Employment Security Division administrator for DETR. Free File is a public-private partnership between the Internal Revenue Service and a number of electronic software companies.

Flyers will be available in each of the Nevada JobConnect offices advertising the program. Information will also be available on the DETR website.

“Nevada’s unemployment benefit recipients and Nevada JobConnect jobseekers could certainly benefit from this free service,” said Jones. “Primarily all of the clients we serve are experiencing very difficult financial times. So we are glad to pass along information about any additional help that is available to them.”

Approximately 70 percent of all taxpayers meet the eligibility requirement to use Free File. Taxpayers using Free File on a public computer, such as at a JobConnect Office, need not worry about private and confidential information being stored on the public computers hard drive. All information is stored on-line on the servers of each individual Free File Company. No information is stored on computer hard drives when filing on-line. Users may access their tax return at any stage of preparation with a user name and password from any internet enabled computer. Personal Financial information is transmitted to the IRS via the Free File Companies using the latest encryption technology.

Everyone can use IRS Free File. If a person’s adjusted gross income was \$58,000 or less in 2010, they may use brand-name software to do their taxes for free. If their income was

more, they may use Free File Fillable Forms. Both options allow taxpayers to prepare and e-file their taxes for free.

Additionally, users can transmit their return electronically for free with IRS e-file and select direct deposit and receive their refunds in as few as 10 days. More information about Free File is available at www.freefile.irs.gov.



DETR is comprised of the Employment Security Division, Equal Rights Commission, Rehabilitation Division, the Information Development and Processing Division and the Research and Analysis Bureau. DETR works in partnership with the Nevada JobConnect System to provide training and job placement services to job seekers and to assist employers in hiring practices.